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**NEWS RELEASE**

## **Vehicle Theft Prevention and Children Information Card Event**

Date & Time: Saturday, August 13, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Location: 10727 Gateway West – Wal-Mart

EL PASO, TEXAS: The El Paso Police Department's Pebble Hills Regional Command Center and their Explore Posts will team up to offer Children Information Cards to children between the ages of 2 and 10 years of age (while supplies last).

Children Information Cards are an identification card that contains the child's physical information to include a picture and fingerprint. The Identification card is to be possessed by the child's parent or guardian. It is helpful tool in the event the child becomes missing. In that instance the Child Information Card allows law-enforcement the ability to quickly distribute the actual description of the child.

The Children Information Cards are offered FREE of charge. For additional information please contact El Paso Police Department Community Service Officer M. Coggins at 915-212-4712.

Also, with Auto Thefts up at 21% compared to last year and Burglary of Vehicle up 36%, the Auto Theft Task Force of the El Paso Police Department has teamed up with Wal-Mart at 1850 Zaragoza to provide a Vehicle Theft Prevention Event, Saturday, August 13, 2016 from 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Etching will be offered to those individuals who wish to participate. VIN Etching is a process in which the vehicle's identification number is permanently etched into the glass of the vehicle. This makes the vehicle less valuable to a thief as it will become more difficult for a thief to sell the parts and also helps assist law enforcement in the recovery of stolen vehicles and identification of "Chop Shops". You may also be eligible for up to a 10% insurance discount from your vehicle's theft coverage.

This is an estimated value of \$100.00-\$300.00. VIN Etching is offered FREE of charge by the El Paso Police Department's Auto Theft Task Force.

For additional information please contact the Auto Theft Task Force at 915-212-0310 Public Awareness Manager Stephen Plummer.

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